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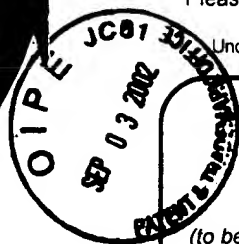
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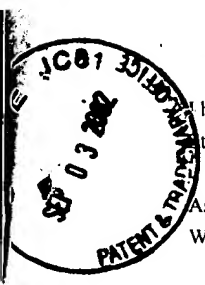
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For: METHOD OF INDUCING CELL-MEDIATED PROTECTIVE IMMUNITY AGAINST HIV USING LOW DOSES OF IMMUNOGENS

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Art Unit: 1648

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT/AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on July 29, 2002, Applicants elect to prosecute Group VI: Claims 17, 18, and 20 drawn to a method of vaccinating a human against HIV infection using an immunogen that will induce a cell-mediated immune response without inducing a humoral immune response, classified in class 424, subclass 188.1 and 208.1.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement between Groups V, VI, and VII on the basis that it would not create an undue burden for the Examiner to search the subject matter of these groups which have the same class and subclass.

In light of the restriction requirement and subsequent election, Applicants further present some amendments to the claims and respectfully request their entry.